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Kauai Board of Water Supply appoints Steven Kyono as Acting Manager and Chief Engineer

LIHUE – The Kauai Board of Water Supply (KBWS) announces the appointment of Steven Kyono to the position of Acting Manager and Chief Engineer for the Department of Water (DOW), effective February 12, 2018. KBWS' decision to appoint an interim Manager comes as a result of an upcoming position vacancy due to the resignation and relocation of its current Manager and Chief Engineer, Kirk Saiki, which will become effective February 9. Mr. Kyono will serve as acting manager while KBWS proceeds with the formal recruitment process for a Manager and Chief Engineer through the County of Kauai, Department of Human Resources.

Mr. Kyono served as Kauai's County Engineer from 1986-1990. In 1991, he joined the State Department of Transportation Highways Division as Kauai District Engineer, and served in that capacity until 2008. During his tenure with the County and the State, Mr. Kyono also served as an ex-officio voting member of the Kauai Board of Water Supply.

"Mr. Kyono's leadership, commitment to public service and knowledge of our water systems will allow continuity in the Department's priority projects and professional services during this transition," said Beth Tokioka, KBWS chairperson. "We are committed to working diligently towards the recruitment of a qualified and experienced Manager and Chief Engineer for the Department of Water."

"Having spent a considerable portion of my career in public service, I consider it an honor and privilege to once again serve the people of Kauai," said Kyono.

About the Kauai Department of Water

The Kauai Department of Water, a semi-autonomous agency of the County of Kauai, manages and operates Kauai's water resources and distribution systems. The Department derives all of its revenue from water sales with no direct subsidy from the County General Fund. Its mission statement, "Together, we provide safe, affordable and sufficient drinking water through wise management of our resources and with excellent customer service for the people of Kauai" is embraced by the Department and the Kauai Board of Water Supply Members. For more information about the Kauai Department of Water, visit www.kauaiwater.org or like the Department of Water's facebook page at www.facebook.com/KauaiDOW.

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Steven Kyono, acting manager and chief engineer for the Department of Water effective Feb. 12, 2018

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